

Directory of History of Medicine Collections

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Abstract:	<p>Special Collections at the Health Sciences Library includes digital collections, historical collections, archival collections, oral histories, instruments and realia, and provides research services and related programming in the history of the health sciences, such as exhibitions, lectures, workshops, and other events. The materials in the collections range from the 1500s to the present and comprise materials in medicine, public health, nursing, pharmacy, and dentistry that reflect the history and practice of health disciplines. Items are cataloged and searchable in the online catalog. Special Collections is also active in digital initiatives, and is currently creating the North Carolina History of Health Digital Collection, an NC ECHO grant-funded project that will make available online the core journal literature from 1849 onward. The library completed an extensive renovation in 2005, and Special Collections has secure, climate-controlled storage, a reading and reference area, and several public exhibition cases. Materials are available by appointment Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for University holidays.</p>

Holdings:	<p>Special Collections has strengths in medicine, public health, nursing, pharmacy, and dentistry, with many items before 1900. Specific areas include tuberculosis, materia medica, sanitary engineering, and thoracic surgery. Noteworthy are letters of Florence Nightingale, (full images available on the library's website), a hand-colored 1543 edition of Vesalius' De Humani Corporis Fabrica, four-volumes of Herbarium Blackwellianum, other botanic medical texts, and a collection of medical and dental tools, including battlefield surgical kits. Important donations include over 1,400 volumes from Dr. Benson Wilcox, a noted cardiovascular surgeon and rare medical book collector at the University of North Carolina; over 160 volumes on the history of orthodontics and dental medicine donated by Dr. Sheldon Peck; the historical and ophthalmology collection of Dr. Herman M. Burian from the UNC Department of Ophthalmology; research papers and prepublication sketches of Frank Netter; the professional papers of UNC faculty member and water engineer Daniel Alexander Okun; and materials on transfusion medicine; and blood banking from Dr. Charles Wallas. The Gottschalk nephrology collection is housed at the UNC Wilson Library.</p>
Collection Subject Strengths:	History of Medicine; History of Nursing; History of Ophthalmology and Optometry; History of Pharmacology and Pharmacy; History of Public Health; History of Surgery; Materia Medica; History of Hematology; History of Dentistry
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